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Lebanon

Military Situation — After Palestinian units attempted to encircle Lebanese Army positions in Suq al-Gharb under cover of intensive shelling, Lebanese Air Force planes attacked and destroyed the hostile force and its artillery while the Army advanced southward from Suq al-Gharb toward Kayfun, Lebanese military sources announced early on 16 September in statements reported by Beirut and Voice of Lebanon radios.

Lebanese aircraft had earlier carried out reconnaissance sorties over the Ash-Shuf Mountains while exchanges of fire continued in the Suq al-Gharb area, according to 15 September reports by the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon and Beirut radio.

Further south, IDF patrols again entered villages north of the Al-Awwali River and an Israeli armored column headed for Ma'asir ash-Shuf carrying a committee to investigate reports of a massacre there, according to the Voice of Lebanon.

Political Developments — President Amin al-Jumayyil held a lengthy meeting with Saudi mediator Prince Bandar ibn Sultan and presidential envoy Robert McFarlane, Beirut radio announced late on 15 September. The radio said the talks focused on the results of Prince Bandar's discussions with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad in Damascus. Radio Monte Carlo reported earlier that optimism about a cease-fire agreement was dwindling even though diplomatic sources in Damascus revealed that all parties concerned had reached an agreement in principle on the Syrian-Saudi proposals.

Meanwhile, special envoy Richard Fairbanks told Lebanese and Israeli Druze representatives in Israel that a cease-fire agreement is "imminent" since only a few matters remain to be worked out, Jerusalem radio reported. Fairbanks also met with Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir, who reaffirmed that Israel will not accept a PLO military presence in the Ash-Shuf Mountains or in areas near the Al-Awwali River, the radio noted.

Earlier, Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens warned Syria in remarks broadcast by the radio against entertaining "illusions" that Israel lacks the political will to fight if attacked. For its part, Syria warned the United States in a Damascus radio commentary that the U.S. method of "force and intervention" will only make Syria more determined to "confront and fight for its rights."

In a separate development, French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson indicated that France will reject any proposal to enlarge the multinational force's mandate to areas outside Beirut, AFP reported. Cheysson also said France will not allow the United States to take responsibility for the security of French forces in Beirut, "despite some pressure" from Washington.

PLO

'Arafat on Lebanon — The PLO will support Lebanon's struggle to strengthen its unity and Arabism under its "national forces" and their leadership, PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat stated in remarks reported by north Lebanon Voice of Palestine Radio.

Diplomatic Reshuffle — The PLO will shortly undertake a major reshuffle of its European envoys, KUNA reported.

Libya

Vice President Bush's claim that the United States is concerned about stability in North Africa is "mere deception and misleading," because the U.S. military presence in the region shows that the Americans are concerned "not so much with peace or stability as with starting war," Tripoli radio asserted.

Iran

Warning to France — France will receive a reply to its imminent delivery of Super Etendard aircraft to Iraq, and "we will not leave it alone," Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi declared in remarks reported by Tehran radio. The Islamic Revolution is able to deliver "crushing blows" to France and other supporters of Iraqi President Saddam Husayn, he warned.

Foreign Broadcasting — Mohammad Hashemi-Rafsanjani, managing director of the Voice and Vision, announced that the organization intends to expand its external services in order to broadcast the Islamic Revolution's message throughout the world in 20 foreign languages, Tehran radio reported.

Afghanistan

The Foreign Ministry has declared two U.S. diplomats personae non gratae and asked them to leave the DRA within 48 hours, Kabul radio reported. The two U.S. officials — a second secretary and an attache — are being expelled on charges of espionage, inciting "counterrevolutionary elements," and activities inconsistent with their diplomatic status, the radio said.

Pakistan

The Indian Embassy in Islamabad denied Pakistani claims that India has sent money and arms to Sind Province, asserting that such allegations will create a "serious misunderstanding" between India and Pakistan, Delhi radio reported. The Karachi paper *Jasarat* had earlier accused Indian intelligence of fomenting unrest in Sind. In another development, Karachi radio said a man connected with a recent bomb explosion in Lahore is linked to the Al-Zulfiqar organization and was trained "in subversion" in Kabul.

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2 U.S. Diplomats Declared Personae non Grata

LD151700 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] A Foreign Ministry spokesman reported to BAKHTAR that a U.S. Embassy official in Kabul was summoned to the Foreign Minstry and handed a memorandum from the DRA regarding the expulsion of Hugh Turner, second secretary, and Robert Blackburn, attache — both of the above embassy.

It is mentioned in the memorandum that according to information and authentic documents in the possession of respective DRA authorities, they are being expelled on charges of espionage activities, inciting a number of counterrevolutionary elements inside the DRA, and activities inconsistent with their diplomatic duties.

In lodging a strong protest against such deeds of the U.S. diplomats, which are contrary to the accepted principles of international relations and against the national interests of the DRA, and DRA Foreign Ministry regards the above persons as personaenon grata and has asked them to leave the DRA within 48 hours.

'Counterrevolutionary' Groups Defeated; Arms Seized

LD151903 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1730 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] As a result of the heroic activities of the officers and troops of Kabul City Sarandoy Command, a quantity of assorted Chinese, U.S., Pakistani, and Egyptian weapons were captured yesterday together with four counterrevolutionary elements belonging to the Islamic revolution movement, from Sahak area, Shiwaki, in Kabul Province.

The weapons seized include rocket launchers and their ammunition, Egyptian Kalashnikovs, handgrenades, pistols, etc.

Two counterrevolutionary groups and their ringleader Esma'il were recently crushed by the officers and troops of sarandoy and border force in Hazrat-e Imam and Archi Districts, Qonduz Province. A number of them were captured.

A Qonduz security force source said that 56 antitank mines, 111 assorted weapons, and more than 10,000 rounds of ammunition have been seized from these criminals.

A group of rebels — traitors of the homeland, people, and revolution — who were disputing the peaceful life of the toiling people of Khenjan subdistrict, Baghlan Province, was recently crushed by the officers and troops of the Army in Baghlan Province.

A Baghlan security force source said that a number of heavy and light machineguns, assorted weapons, a number of rockets, antipersonnel mines, and 10,000 rounds of ammunition have been seized from these criminals; and two of their ammunition and three of their food caches were destroyed.

PDPA Official Returns From DPRK 14 September

LD150906 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 14 Sep 83

[Text] 'Abdol Qader Ashna, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee and head of the State Cultural Committee, returned home today. As head of a party and government delegation, he had visited the DPRK to take part in the 35th anniversary of the country's revolution at the invitation of the Korean Workers Party Central Committee.

Leader Says Mujahidin 'Poised' To Capture Khost

PM151408 London Daily Telegraph in English 15 Sep 83 p 4

[Charles Lawrence dispatch: "Garrison Town Is Under Threat From Afghan Guerrillas"]

[Text] Peshawar — Afghan mujahidin guerrilla leaders claimed in Peshawar yesterday that they were poised to capture the garrison town of Khost from Soviet-backed government forces.

They also reported that they had a second town, Urgun, south of Khost, under siege.

The guerrillas have assembled their largest force since the Russian invasion of Afghanistan.

They have put together about 10,000 men in "tribal battalions" who are deployed in the plains around Khost, the winter capital of the Paktia province, about 50 miles south of the Khyber Pass.

Under-armed

The action is claimed to be the major success of their "Jihad" holy war so far.

But the guerrillas admit that they are under-armed and they may yet suffer badly from abandoning their traditional mountain guerrilla tactics for a conventinal battle against several battalions of the communist regime's army supported by Russian officers and advisers.

The mujahidin's sudden progress in Paktia province has been confirmed by Western diplomatic sources in Islamabad, Pakistan's capital, who say the situation is a "military disaster" for the Russians.

Reports on the battle reaching Peshawar yesterday said the tribesmen had taken the suburbs of Khost and were infiltrating the central bazaar, clearing out civilians and establishing positions there.

They were fighting their way around the fort which stands at the edge of the town, preparing to lay siege to the garrison of about 1,500 Afghan army soldiers with about 100 Russian advisers. They had also begun to shell the airstrip, but Russian planes were still getting through.

Many Defections

The situation has taken even the guerrillas by surprise. The action began when they sent one "battalion" of tribesmen to probe the defences of the town.

About a third of the Afghan garrison promptly defected to their side, while 1,500 local tribal militiamen, bribed into the government cause with arms and money switched sides.

When news of this reached the mujahidin leaders in Peshawar, in the Pakistan Northwest Frontier province, they ordered the tribesmen to stay put. They have been reinforcing and tightening their grip for the last two weeks.

The battle was described yesterday in Peshawar by Mr Said Ahmed Gailani, leader of the National Islamic Front and the Moderate Alliance, the biggest of the non-fundamentalist guerrilla groups, with his chief of staff, Colonel (Abdul Rahim Wardah).

Mr Gailani said: "We have the town surrounded and we now hope to occupy both the towns and the Khost region -- unless we run too short of ammunition or the Soviets send a big force to the area."

Convincing Picture

The 10,000 guerrillas have few weapons besides their rifles. The force has only two field guns — one 76-mm mountain gun and one old howitzer — and some heavy machine guns.

Col (Wardah) was able to give a detailed account of the action, day by day and unit by unit, over the last month. Unlike many previous guerrilla claims, it presented a convincing picture.

The mujahidin claim that they have already turned back one column of Soviet and government forces sent to relieve the twon. They ambushed the comlumn three nights ago and inflicted at least 100 casualties.

The guerrillas' main fear is of a major Soviet airborne counter-attack. "If we had the arms we would already have captured the town," said Col (Wardah).

SPA Reports Mujahidin Operations in Qandahar

LD160124 Riyadh SPA in English 1905 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 14, SPA — Afghan mujahidin have killed eight Soviet-government troops including two officers and destroyed a tank and an armoured vehicle in separate operations in Qandahar Province, the AGENCY AFGHAN PRESS reported today. The agency said the mujahidin attacked with rocket launchers a Soviet-Karmel force on August 19 killing eight and destroying an armoured vehicle. A tank was also destroyed in one of several operations against the Soviet Karmal patrols in which several Soviet-Karmal soldiers were also killed.

Reportage on Iranian Foreign Minister's Visit

Meeting With Ershad

GF151656 Tehran IRNA in English 1610 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] Dhaka, Sept. 15, IRNA — The foreign minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, 'Ali Akbar Velyati who arrived here this morning at the head of a high ranking Iranian delegation, met with General Mohammad Ershad, the president of Bangladesh.

During the meeting the two parties stressed on expansion of mutual relations between Bangladesh and the Islamic Republic of Iran in economic, commercial, cultural and political fields.

Velayati said that Islam could play an important role in the progress and solidarity of the Muslims but he added, it was unfortunate that the Muslims today lacked the required unity. Therefore, he said, the enemies of Islam exploited the division among the Muslims and violated their rights.

General Ershad replied by expressing happiness for the arrival of the Iranian delegation and hoped that the relations between the two countries would expand by the day.

Session With Communications Minister

BK160547 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 0110 GMT 16 Sep 83

[Text] The deputy chief martial law administrator [DCMLA] and minister for communications, Rear Admiral M.A. Khan, has reiterated Bangladesh's commitment to the policy of growing relationship and cooperation with the countries of the Islamic world. Bangladesh's commitment to uphold the principles of the Organization of Islamic Conference [OIC] was also reiterated by Adm Khan when the visiting Iranian foreign minister, Dr 'Ali Akbar Velayati, called on him in Dhaka yesterday.

The Iranian minister expressed his country's keen desire to develop further relationship with the brotherly country of Bangladesh. The two ministers expressed their wish that an OIC-sponsored common market of the Islamic countries would be set up soon. They agreed that there should be a direct shipping link between Iran and Bangladesh.

Earlier, the Iranian minister favorably received a Bangladesh proposal to set up a joint shipping company. The DCMLA also offered training facilities to Iranian Merchant Navy cadets in Marine Academy and Iranian postal employees in Bangladesh postal academy. He also requested that foreign money order service should be introduced between the two countries. The Iranian foreign minister offered the services of Iranian engineers for operation and maintenance of telecommunication system in Bangladesh.

Correspondent's Dispatch on Meetings

GF160727 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 16 Sep 83

[Text] Our correspondent dispatched to Bangladesh has sent the following report on the meetings 'Ali Akbar Velayati held with Bangladesh authorities yesterday afternoon:

[Begin recording] In the course of his visit to Bangladesh, Velayati met Shamsud Doha, minister of foreign affairs of this country, and held talks with him. Later, the Iranian delegation offered its respects at the grave of the unknown soldier.

In the evening, the foreign minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran called on Mahbub 'Ali Khan, minister of communications of Bangladesh and held talks with him. Velayati referred to the mutual religious interests between the two Muslim brotherly nations of Iran and Bangladesh and expressed the keenness of our country to strengthen relations between the two countries. The foreign minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran then referred to Iranian foreign policy and its complete support in connection with the rightful campaigns of the Palestinian nation and the Muslim combatants in Lebanon, confrontations with the Zionists, and the regime occupying Jerusalem.

The minister of communications of Bangladesh expressed the desire of the Government of Bangladesh to strengthen communications relations between the two countries. He also proposed setting up a joint shipping company.

Correspondent of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Dhaka, Bangladesh [end recording]

Government Urges Investigation Into KAL Incident

BK160345 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 16 Sep 83

[Text] India has called for full investigation into the facts of the recent shooting down of the Korean commercial airliner with 269 people onboard by a Soviet jet fighter. Speaking at an extraordinary session of the International Civil Aviation Organization [ICAO] Council at Montreal yesterday, the Indian representative, Mr Ganeshan, suggested that such investigation should be done under established ICAO procedure. He said that until all facts are available, judgment must necessarily be suspended. Mr Ganeshan expressed the Government of India's shock at the appalling tragedy.

Gandhi Expresses 'Concern' Over Regional Events

BK150910 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] The prime minister has asked the people to guard against the fissiparous tendencies, which are again raising their ugly heads in some parts of the country. Mrs Gandhi was addressing a large gathering at the Santa Cruz Airport on her arrival in Bombay today on a day's visit. She said it is necessary for the people to coexist in unity and harmony to carry the nation forward on the path of progress. The prime minister expressed concern over the happenings in neighboring countries, but said it is our policy not to interfere in the internal affairs of any other country.

Referring to the recent violent incidents in Sri Lanka, she said that it is quite natural to express concern as people of Indian origin had been living in that country for ages. India is not interfering in the internal matters of that country by expressing its concern. On the contrary, she said those countries which blame India of interfering with the internal matters of other countries are themselves interfering with our internal affairs.

Pakistani Reports of Arms Supply to Sind Denied

BK160303 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 16 Sep 83

[Text] The Indian Embassy in Islamabad has denied reports circulated by Pakistan's official news agency, the ASSOCIATED PRESS OF PAKISTAN, on the alleged dumping of Indian money and arms in the Sind Province. A press release issued by the embassy said the way it had been highlighted in the Pakistani press cannot but give rise to serious misunderstanding between India and Pakistan.

Delhi Reports on Developments in Pakistan

Opposition Leaders' Statements Cited

BK141649 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 14 Sep 83

[Text] In Pakistan, the frontier leader, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, now under detention in a rest house, has demanded that he should be shifted to a jail or a hospital. The 94-year old leader is also reported to have demanded that his daughter in law be allowed to stay with him as illness and solitary detention is telling on his health. A UNITED NEWS OF INDIA report says that he has complained that he is not being given proper medical care.

Meanwhile, a former lieutenant general, Faiz Ali Chishti, has suggested to President Zia to negotiate with the politicians. In an interview to an Urdu daily, he said General Zia could obtain the services of eminent persons in this task. General Chishti served in President Zia's cabinet till March 1980.

Compromise 'Ruled Out'

BK151555 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] Opposition parties in Pakistan have ruled out any compromise with President Ziaul Haq. The leader of the National Democratic Party, Khan Abdul Wali Khan, has said nothing short of transfer of power to the people would resolve the present crisis. The convener of the Movement for Restoration of Democracy, Ghulam Mustafa Khar, says any compromise will only perpetuate military rule.

Arms Licenses Canceled in Sind

BK160327 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 16 Sep 83

[Text] In Pakistan, two passengers were killed seriously [as heard] yesterday when armed men opened fire on an express train in Sind Province. Police sources in Islamabad said that two, a man and a woman, were hit in the attack near Nawabshah in central Sind.

The Sind government has announced cancellation of all arms licenses issued to tribals in Moro tehsil [revenue zone] and asked them to surrender their arms immediately.

Mauritius Deputy Prime Minister Arrives 14 Sep

BK140455 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 14 Sep 83

[Text] The deputy prime minister of Mauritius, Mr Gaetan Duval, arrived in the capital this morning. He was received by the external affairs minister, Mr Narasimha Rao, at the airport. Speaking to the All-India Radio correspondent, Mr Duval said that his country holds Indian friendship in high esteem. He said he is looking forward to greater cooperation between the two countries.

Meeting With Gandhi

BK141657 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 14 Sep 83

[Text] In New Delhi today the visiting Mauritius deputy prime minister, Mr Gaetan Duval, and the prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, reviewed the international situation and also examined the scope

for increasing bilateral cooperation. They also exchanged views on issues likely to come up at the forthcoming informal meetings of heads of state and government at the United Nations. Mr Gaetan, who arrived in the capital this morning, also met the external affairs minister, Mr Narasimha Rao.

Bulgaria's Zhivkov Set To Visit in December

BK091600 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 9 Sep 83

[Text] A function was organized in New Delhi this evening to celebrate the 39th anniversary of the socialist revolution in Bulgaria. It was organized by the India-Bulgarian Friendship Association. Speaking on the occasion, the secretary of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, O. Doynov, appreciated India's efforts to stabilize world peace, particularly in this region. Mr Doynov disclosed that the Bulgarian president, Mr Zhivkov, will visit India in December this year. Mr Doynov released a book "In Dimitrov's Footstep — A Study of Socialist Bulgaria" on this occasion.

Congress-I Workers Injured in Srinagar March

BK151623 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] In Srinagar, a number of Congress-I workers including the Congress-I legislature party leader, (Maulvi Iftikar Hussain Ansari), were injured today when they were attacked during a protest march. The state Congress-I has alleged that workers of the ruling National Conference threw stones at their supporters. The state Congress-I chief, Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, had a narrow escape when his jeep was attacked.

The Congress-I organized the protest march against the alleged rigging in the recent elections and government's failure to tackle the deteriorating law and order situation. All-India Radio's correspondent reports that after the [word indistinct] of Congress-I public meeting, police resorted to tear gas shelling and baton charge to disperse stone-pelting groups reportedly belonging to ruling National Conference.

The state Congress-I chief in a statement criticized the unprovoked attack. According to a police spokesman, today's stone pelting was a result of provocative slogans raised by the marchers, which were resented by certain people. He said that 17 people including two Congress-I members of the legislative assembly received minor injuries. According to the divisional commissioner, life all over Srinagar is normal except in the affected area.

INSAT-1B Begins Transmission of TV Pictures

BK151621 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] INSAT-1B, India's multipurpose satellite, today successfully beamed back to earth the first television picture. The picture was transmitted and received by the master control facility at Hassan during the first TV transmission test carried out this morning. Space scientists at the master control room are analyzing and evaluating the quality and clarity of the signals.

The Indian Space Research Organization, Bangalore, says that the satellite is now in its full on-orbit configuration, is in excellent health, and is fully responding to ground commands. As already reported, the satellite is expected to reach its final parking slot 74 degrees east longitude by Sunday. The master control at Hassan today executed touch-up maneuvers to further adjust the satellite's altitude.

Zia Comments on Situation, Meets King of Nepal

BK151617 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Excerpts] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq has said that it has never been the policy of his government to make people connected with certain groups or political parties the target of vindictive activities. However, those working against the interest of the country and the nation or impairing the law and order situation will certainly be punished in accordance with their crimes. He was talking informally to newsmen on his arrival in Karachi from Islamabad this morning on a brief visit.

When asked about the law and order situation in the country the president said that the situation is generally all right and completely under control. However, he said there are sometimes a few clouds even in fine weather.

President Mohammad Ziaul Haq welcomed King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev of Nepal at the Karachi airport this afternoon. The king made a brief stopover in Karachi at the beginning of a foreign tour.

Lahore Explosion Linked to Al-Zulfiqar Group

BK151545 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] According to official sources in Lahore, the person connected with the bomb blast in a toilet of the municipality near a local cinema hall yesterday has been identified. He is (Rahmatullah Anjum) and he is linked to the subversive Al-Zulfiqar organization. He was trained in Kabul in subversion. Official sources also told our Lahore correspondent that the man was associated with the murder of Chowdhry Zahur Elahi and [words indistinct] case as well. A drive is under way for the arrest of other members of the group.

UAE Daily Reports on Civil Disobedience Campaign

GF151129 Dubayy Khaleej Times in English 15 Sep 83 p 1

[By correspondent]

[Excerpts] Islamabad — A powerful bomb explosion in the toilet of a cinema hall in Lahore yesterday killed a young man and caused heavy damage to the building.

Police said the explosion occurred shortly before the matinee show and a pistol was also found near the dead man's body.

Reports from Sind said that about 90 people were arrested in the province yesterday during protest demonstrations as part of a civil disobedience campaign launched by Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) against the military government of President Mohammad Ziaul Haq last month.

Of these, 40 were arrested at Mehrabpur town after a violent procession. Police used tear gas and baton charge to disperse a crowd at Tajpur and arrested 15 people. Another crowd in Larkana set ablaze a fire-engine while unknown assailants fired at a Peshawar-bound train.

Processions were also taken out in Hyderabad and the nearby town of Waleed.

Military courts in the country sentenced 44 people to various jail terms, fines and flogging during the last 24 hours. Among them, 12 were convicted in Lahore, two in Faisalabad, 29 in Hyderabad and one in Badin.

The government-controlled National Press Trust [NPT] has sacked nine senior journalists working in its publications — *Pakistan Times, Imroze and Mashriq — for signing a joint* appeal, urging the government to restore democratic rights of the people, including freedom of expression.

Journalist leaders Minhaj Barna, chairman of All-Pakistan Newspaper Employees' Confederation, and Nisar Osmani, president of Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists, in a joint statement condemned the NPT action and d- -nded immediate reinstatement of the sacked journalists.

On Tuesday, President Zia presided over a cabinet meeting to review the internal situation while on Monday he conferred with his army colleagues and military governors of the four provinces.

The Soviet Embassy yesterday denied a report from New Delhi that 200 Pakistani youths posing as students were being trained in the Soviet Union for carrying out subversive activities in Pakistan.

The embassy said the Soviet Union did not interfere in the internal affairs of Pakistan and that the report was meant to provoke anti-Soviet feelings among the Pakistani people.

Mr Iqbal Haider, a leader of the banned Qaumi Mohaz Azadi, said in Karachi yesterday that General Zia was using all means possible to suppress the campaign and called on him to end the bloodbath.

While arguing that Sind neither wanted to nor could, secede, Jamiat Ulema-i-Pakistan leader Maulana Shah Ahmed Noorani warned the government that its handling of the protests was leading to a crisis similar to that Pakistan experienced in former East Pakistan.

"The demand for the ballot cannot be suppressed by bullets," he told reporters.

Former Lieutenant-General Faiz Ali Chishti said the violence in Sind did not represent a separatist movement.

Gen. Chishti, who was once a close associate of Gen. Zia, told a press conference in Lahore yesterday that the movement in Sind could not be suppressed. He called for immediate elections in the country.

Meanwhile, a Karachi Urdu-language newspaper, *Aman*, yesterday appeared with several blank spaces, highlighting that the unprinted material had been censored.

The authorities imposed censorship on *Aman* last month and have also stopped issuing government advertisements to several Sindhi language newspapers for their reporting of the disturbances.

40 Candidates Allowed To Contest Sind Elections

BK150626 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] In Sind, today is the last day for the withdrawal of nomination papers by candidates contesting the local bodies' elections. The final list of eligible candidates will be published today. The election symbols allotted to them also will be announced today. Polling will take place on 29 September.

Meanwhile, 40 candidates, disqualified from contesting local bodies' elections by the returning officers and the appellate authorities due to their involvement in politics, have now been allowed to contest elections. This decision was made in Karachi yesterday at the provincial cabinet meeting chaired by the provincial governor, Lieutenant General S.M. Abbasi. The government had received a total of 59 such applications and after full review and scrutiny of the candidates' records, 40 candidates were allowed to contest elections. Only people who are still actively involved in politics are not allowed to contest elections. Those who had been in politics in the past but are not involved in such activities now have been allowed. Of those allowed to contest elections, 15 belong to Karachi, 5 to Khairpur district, 3 to Sukkur district, 4 to Shikarpur, 2 to Hyderabad, 2 to Thatta, 2 to Dadu, and 7 to Tharparkar district.

Meeting Reviews Security Plans for Elections

BK160326 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] A high-level meeting in Karachi today reviewed the administrative and security arrangements for holding the forthcoming local bodies' elections in the province in a free and fair atmosphere. The meeting chaired by the Sind governor, Lieutenant General S.M. Abbasi, reviewed with satisfaction the measures taken so far in this regard, such as appointment of personnel for election duty, provision of transport, and supply of ballot papers, etc.

The meeting also reviewed and finalized the arrangements for an integrated deployment of all law enforcing agencies to ensure a peaceful conduct of elections. It was further decided to strictly enforce the provisions of the martial law order No 213 which provides severe punishment for any person who tries to disturb peaceful electoral conduct. It also approved the setting up of reporting centers throughout the province for monitoring the progress of the election and law and order situation so as to provide timely information for taking speedy collective action.

Martial Law Order on Elections Reiterated

BK160457 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 16 Sep 83

[Text] A spokesman of the Sind Government has reminded the people that martial law order No 213 is in force to ensure free and fair elections in the province. The provisions of this order have been effective since last month, and no other existing laws will be applicable in this regard.

The spokesman added that martial law order No 213 includes, among other things, a provision that if any employee of the government or of a quasi-government or autonomous organization tries to pressure or motivate any person in any way by virtue of his official position to vote or not vote, then he will render himself liable for punishment.

Liyanage Announces Curfew 'Completely Lifted'
BK151309 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1245 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] The curfew imposed following disturbances in July was completely lifted today. Secretary, Ministry of State, Douglas Liyanage said that the security situation was now satisfactory and reduced (?period) of night curfew which had been in operation in 14 of the island's 24 districts was lifted from today.

Supreme Court Judges Take Oath Before President
BK151324 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1245 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Excerpts] President Jayewardene appointed judges to the Supreme Court and to the Court of Appeal today. The chief justice is Mr N.D.N. Samarakoon, Queen's Counsel. They took their oath in affirmation under the 6th Amendment to the Constitution before the president at the president's hall this morning.

Freedom Party Requests Rights Be Restored
BK151149 Colombo Sun in English 6 Sep 83 p 3

[Text] The Sri Lanka Freedom Party yesterday issued the following statement on the meeting of its All-Island Working Committee (Samastha Lanka Karaka Sabhawa) held on Sunday, presided over by its leader, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike.

Resolutions

If the President accepts that it is necessary to make use of the emergency powers to curb terrorism, as reported by the national press, purported to have been said by him at a public meeting at Nikaweratiya, then it is a grave injustice to have deprived the civic rights of Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, the leader of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party for the last 23 years, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka for 12 years and the President of the Non-Align Movement for three years for using emergency powers for the defence of the country and the people against terrorism.

Furthermore, the present government deprived the civic rights of number of other members of our party in a most inhuman manner. Our party treats this type of victimisation of the political opponent or the government as an act against civilized human behaviour and dignity.

In view or this, this meeting requests that the civic rights of Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike and others be restored.

During the recent disturbances in the country the following electoral organisers of our party have been arrested or have been ordered to be arrested.

1) Yasaratna Amarathunghe

2) Deva Bandara Senaratna

3) Somapala Amarakeerthi and

4) Chandrapala Balasuriya, the Secretary of the Dehiwela Electoral Central Committee and number of other members of our party in many parts of the country.

The authorities have not made any charges against any one of them so far. If there are no charges against them this meeting requests the government to release them.

The Party constitution that is in force today is a hindrance to the unity and progress of the party.

In order to forge and strengthen the unity suitable amendments should be made to the constitution in accordance with the word and spirit of the party constitution, framed and implemented by our late leader and Prime Minister S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike. For this purpose a committee be appointed [as published] by the Central Committee immediately. A meeting of the All-Island Working Committee should be convened as early as possible to consider and to approve the amended constitution.

It was also decided to call upon the members of the All-Island Working Committee to submit their amendments. The All-Island Working Committee meeting was followed by a meeting of the All-Island Executive Committee.

Tamil Officials Quit Local Government Bodies
BK161200 Colombo Sun in English 10 Sep 83 pp 1, 6

[By Winston de Valliere]

[Text] Nineteen TULF [Tamil United Liberation Front] members of Development Councils [DC] including six chairmen yesterday vacated their posts on the Jaffna, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Vavuniya, Mullaitivu and Mannar DCS.

The six chairmen yesterday handed over their official vehicles to the Government Agents of the respective districts, the TULF's Administrative Secretary A. Alalasunderam told *Sun* by phone [words indistinct].

Their failure to take the oath under the 6h Amendment before September 7 and the handing over of their resignations had left these vacancies open for filling, official sources said in Colombo.

Mr Alalasunderam said TULF MPs would not be revising their decision not to take the oaths disavowing a separate state, until a TULF General Council meeting tentatively scheduled for between September 18 and 20.

TULF General Secretary A. Amirthalingam is expected back in Colombo from London by September 17 for the General Council meeting.

The resignation of DC members follows the vacation of posts by 80 of the party's MC [municipal council] and VC [village council] members who by not taking the oaths by September 7 are deemed to have forfeited their seats. They include the Mayors or Chairmen of these councils and other members including 23 from the Jaffna MC and 16 from Batticaloa MC.

These resignations come in the wake of the decision taken at the TULF convention on July 23 when its MPs also decided not to attend Parliament until such time an acceptable solution was found, Mr Alalasunderam said.

"Our attending Parliament is now entirely in the hands of the government. Any solution proposed or submitted by government to us before our meeting due in 10 days time would certainly be considered at that meeting" he added.

Party sources in Colombo however said that if such solutions were restricted to an offer of mere authority under the existing DC system, this would not be acceptable. What would be considered was some form of autonomy, but they would leave it entirely to the government, the sources said.

Meanwhile, all lawyer-MPs of the TULF will not be taking their oaths as lawyers, these sources said.

DAILY NEWS Criticizes Soviet Downing of KAL Plane

BK160732 Colombo Daily News in English 5 Sep 83 p 4

[Editorial: "An Outraged World"]

[Text] It has been an increasingly striking feature of the post-war period that major powers have been fighting their battles by proxy.

The current slamming match between the US and the USSR, over the shooting of the KAL plane, could be suggestive of other portents: of other protagonists jockeying for one advantage or another at the expense of smaller states.

This much is clear: The whole civilised world will deplore the loss of innocent lives. The shooting of an unarmed civilian aircraft could spark off new reactions in a sphere already bedevilled by the risk of hijacking. These are games that more than one party can play.

As things are, the Soviet Union's evident reticence, immediately after the shooting, tends to detract from its latest protestations of US-inspired provocations. The plane that was shot down was a KAL aircraft.

There must be no attempt to gloss over the fact that the horrors of the incident have fallen on a third country. Indeed, the event has certainly not left its perpetrators with any psychological or moral advantage. It is clear that the world stands outraged.

It is no great demonstration of technological advantage to shoot down an unarmed plane. It is difficult to accept that the plane, even supposing it had intruded by some error on Soviet air space, could not have been escorted out or otherwise directed away without having to down it with such an outrageous loss of life. The versions so far, imputing blame to the pilot of the ill-fated aircraft, are unconvincing.

If the shooting, in fact, resulted from a misunderstanding, let there be no attempt to justify it. Humanity would be better served if, in that event, all nations gave their attention to the question of safeguards against any repetition of it.

Explanations sometimes can be more painful than the error they seek to excuse. Even more fateful could be the caution which the shooting raises against the possibility of triggering off a greater missile catastrophe.

The very efficiency of the latest models in military hardware could be a temptation to try out new weapons. But the destiny of the world cannot be left in careless or irresponsible hands.

The Soviet Union is not at war with South Korea. There could be many observers, today, who would be asking themselves what might have followed if the plane had belonged to a US airline.

We have witnessed attacks on the lives of several world figures: on President Ronald Reagan, on Pope John Paul II and, now, successfully on Benigno Aquino. But we must not forget that it was also a similar shot that sparked off the First World War.

The international community has reacted strongly in denouncing the shooting of an unarmed plane. Big powers must learn to keep the peace without committing acts which display rude unconcern for human life; acts which seem so much like acts of war.

It is fairly clear that mankind has ranged itself against this needless display of firepower.

Leaders Comment on Super Etendard Delivery to Iraq

Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani

LD151138 Tehran IRNA in English 1025 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] Zahedan, Sept. 15, IRNA — Majlis Speaker Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani said here Thursday morning that the delivery of Super Etendard aircraft to the Ba'thist regime of Iraq by France had a psychological dimension rather than any military aspect.

Rafsanjani arrived here along with a few ministers to visit this southeastern province early morning Thursday.

Addressing military and disciplinary personnel of Zahedan 88th Division in their morning ceremony, the Majlis speaker noted that while the Soviet-made missiles, delivered to Iraq, could not be effective, the French aircraft would fail to do anything as well.

In general, he added, the Islamic combatants had proven that the more equipped the enemy, the firmer became the will of the forces of Islam.

Referring to the conspiracies of enemies of Islam in sowing the seeds of [word indistinct] in Sistan va Baluchestan Province by resorting to religious and ethnical disputes, Rafsanjani said that the existing unity among the people there not only foiled such plots, but proved that Sistan va Baluchestan, more united than ever, was prepared to confront any conspiracy hatched by the enemies of Islam.

In a talk to the reporters upon his arrival here, Rafsanjani said that the objective of his tour of the province was to have a close contact with the people there as well as studying provincial issues.

Prime Minister Musavi

LD151922 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Excerpt] Members of the selection committees of the Islamic Revolution today met with Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi. During this meeting, the prime minister referred to the smuggling of narcotics and said that there are some signs indicating that the major powers are involved in this issue. Not only the U.S. hand is involved. The method of smuggling the narcotics inside the country, the center of its cultivation, and other signs indicate that a far-reaching political conspiracy is being hatched against the Islamic Revolution by the smuggling of narcotics. That is, plots similar to those that we observe on the battlefronts are being hatched to destroy the system of the Islamic Republic. Thank God those other plots have been defeated through the self-sacrifice of our combative units, and Saddam and his masters have reached despondency and have been dragged into degradation. A similar plan exists in the smuggling of narcotics. Therefore, when we talk about the front and self-sacrifices, we should have the extensive front of the country in mind and we should vigilantly watch the extended limbs of the conspiracies.

Musavi continued: According to reports received, France will hand over the Super Etendard aircraft to Iraq within the next few days. The handover of these planes shows the cooperation among the arrogant powers, because we know which power gave the missiles to Iraq, which were fired on Dezful. It is also clear that, without the permission of NATO and the United States, the handover of the Super Etendard planes to Iraq would not have taken place.

Emphasizing that such weapons are useless against the Islamic Revolution and the resolve of our martyr-nurturing nation, the prime minister said: We will continue this war until the final victory and then, God willing, we will fulfill the aspiration for which the blood of our martyrs was shed. If such moves were supposed to halt the revolution of our nation, then the movement of our nation would have had to come to an end on 5 June [date of uprising of Khomeyni supporters in 1963] or on 8 September [date of uprising in 1978 which led to departure of Shah]. But 8 September marked a new beginning and opened a new chapter.

Musavi added: France will receive a reply for this aggression and we will not leave it alone. We have the power and the Islamic Revolution is able to deliver crushing blows to France and the other backers of Saddam, just as it delivered its crushing blows to Saddam and it held off the U.S. hand from Iran; and they will receive their punishment for such hostilities against the Islamic Revolution.

IRNA Account

GF151708 Tehran IRNA in English 1557 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 15, IRNA — The prime minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Hoseyn Musavi today warned against the delivery of the French-made Super Etendard jet fighter to Iraqi regime saying that France will face the consequences of this aggressive measure.

The prime minister said that the Islamic Republic of Iran would continue the war until final victory was achieved and that the Islamic revolution had the power to inflict its blows upon France and the Iraqi regime.

The prime minister who was speaking in a meeting with the members of the committees job applicants selection board also said that in the face of all the conspiracies concocted against the Islamic Republic the revolutionary organs and in particular the committee were of crucial importance for maintaining the Islamic revolution.

He added that the committees were among the earliest organs that emerged from the heart of the society and began safeguarding the achievements of the revolution. He said that the documents discovered after the U.S. den of spies (the U.S. embassy in Tehran) showed that the organ was considered as one of the most serious threats against the U.S. interests.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,459

LD151822 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Communique No 1,459 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. We offer our condolences on the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Muhammad al-Baqir, peace be upon him, the fifth dazzling jewel of the imamate, to the world's Muslims, the great leader of the Islamic Revolution and the martyr-nurturing Iranian nation. The events on the battlefronts hereby are announced:

During the past 24 hours, exchanges of heavy and light weapons fire continued between our units and the enemy in the northwestern operational areas. The heroes of the Gendarmerie based on the Ilam, Mehran, and Dehloran battlefronts periodically opened fire on the forces of the Ba'thist enemy. As a result, several enemy trenches were destroyed and a number of their crews were killed. During the same period, the artillery fire of the combatants of Islam based in the Piranshahr and Baneh operational zones against the enemy trenches continued periodically; several enemy vehicles and four ammunition dumps were destroyed and a number of the Saddamist forces were killed or wounded.

The combatants of the army of Islam based in the southern operational zones bravely and devotedly stopped the movements of the Saddamist forces and inflicted losses and casualties on them.

Exchanges of fire between the forces of Islam and the deceived Ba'thist enemy continued on both sides of the Arvand Rud. The activities of the enemy's construction units were stopped, several of trenches and foxholes were destroyed,and a number of the Saddamists were killed or wounded.

The self-sacrificing pilots of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran yesterday carried out tactical measures against the aggression of Iraqi aircraft in the airspace of the cities of Baneh, Gilan-e Gharb, and Sar-e Pol-e Zahab. Air defense units opened fire on the aircraft intruding into Piranshahr airspace; the enemy aircraft were forced to leave Iranian airspace.

[Signed] Joint staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Iraqi Aircraft Downed 15 September; Pilot Captured

LD161050 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 16 Sep 83

[Text] IRNA reports that the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran has announced: An intruding aircraft of the Iraqi Ba'thist-Zionist regime, which intended to bomb the hero-nurturing city of Marivan yesterday afternoon, was shot down at 1620 by the fire of air defense units and the fighter aircraft of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the vicinity of Sanandaj. The pilot of the downed enemy aircraft, Amjad Khalil Ibrahim, was captured by the Islamic combatants.

Free Voice of Iran Predicts New Offensive 22 Sep

GF151852 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian 1500 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] The Khomeyni regime is preparing to launch another offensive against Iraq. The daily [name indistinct] carried a news report saying that Western observers believe officials of the Islamic Republic intend to launch yet another offensive to penetrate inside Iraqi territory with the aim of capturing one of Iraq's border towns. It is said that the offensive is likely to start on 22 September, the third anniversary of the beginning of the Khomeyni war against Iraq. It is said Iran would use the method of human wave attack against Iraq. According to Western diplomats in Tehran, although Khomeyni has suspended all private audiences for the next 10 days and rumors of his being ill are rife, it seems that he is daily meeting with officials and has issued orders to launch yet another attack against Iraq.

According to the paper, the Iraqi Government is aware of the possibility of an attack by the Khomeyni regime and has taken measures to combat it and has strengthen its forces in the region.

Musavi Inaugurates International Trade Fair

GF101733 Tehran IRNA in English 1645 GMT 10 Sep 83

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 10, IRNA — The 9th Tehran International Fair was inaugurated today in the presence of Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic Mir-Hoseyn Musavi and ambassadors and charge d'affaires of the participant countries at Tehran's permanent exhibition site.

Thirty-two countries from throughout the world are participating in this international trade fair in Tehran.

Prime Minister Musavi in his brief speech at the inaugural ceremony said that the holding of the exhibition was a spectacular act of extreme importance. He said at a time when the Islamic Republic was busy combating various plots, this affair (exhibition) was indicative of the interest and desires of the guests and the authorities (Iranian) in heralding the stability of the Islamic Republic Government.

One such conspiracy among the many plots of the superpowers, especially the U.S., after the revolution, he added, was an attempt to paralyse and ultimately destroy the economy of the Islamic Republic through various means. But, he said when the Islamic Republic announced its policy of neither East nor West, it encountered severe enmity and economic sanctions. Among the schemes, the plots of the Zionist regime were clearly visible in that they tried to portray the Iranian economy as deplorable and shattered, since through the economic sanctions the U.S. and the Zionists hoped that Iran would capitulate to their wishes, while on the other hand, the affiliated grouplets made their related efforts.

Musavi added that the Islamic Republic was determined to resist. Even through its exchange reserve would dwindle considerably.

Continuing his speech, Musavi said that the Islamic Republic had successfully passed difficult days, which in itself was an accomplishment. The people have exhibited confidence in their might, Musavi said, and after passing through these phases, have helped the Iranian economy to thrive.

Prime Minister Musavi said that in the Iranian economy, able elements were active who had emerged from the revolution, and boosted their efforts to the maximum. He also said cooperation among various organisations made it possible to overcome prevailing difficulties.

Prime Minister Musavi said that the Islamic Republic with its policy had proved and made the world aware that it wishes healthy relations with all the countries of the world. The presence of 32 countries at the exhibition, he said was a manifestation of the success of the Islamic Republic's policy.

The exhibition, he added was indicative of the desire of the Islamic Republic of Iran to maintain peace based on acceptable ethics with the masses of the people of the world.

Prime Minister Musavi further added that the present exhibition displayed considerable advances in terms of extent and organisation compared to the previous ones. In these respects, Musavi noted, the exhibition could be a means towards achieving technological self-sufficiency. I believe that acquaintances of the authorities with various techniques displayed at the exhibition, can be of vital importance in technological progress of the country, concluded Musavi.

Free Voice of Iran Details Skirmishes in Kordestan

GF141800 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian 1500 GMT 14 Sep 83

[Text] According to a Free Voice of Iran correspondent, recent Kurdish victories against Khomeyni's revolution guards have caused a wave of happiness throughout Kordestan. According to reports, in recent skirmishes in Kordestan and the areas under Kurdish occupation, the Kurdish fighters succeeded in clearing the villages around Baneh Bukan and Saqqez of revolution guards.

The Democratic Party of Kordestan in a communique issued in Paris said that the Kurdish fighters have succeeded in defeating revolution guard attacks in villages around (Sarnkalle) north of Sar Dasht. In a 7-hour battle, the revolution guards were forced to retreat after sustaining heavy losses.

Kurdish fighters killed 150 and wounded more than 185 revolution guards. So far, 30 of the dead guards have been identified and some 21 revolution guards have been captured by Kurdish fighters. According to the Free Voice of Iran report, contrary to claims made by Khomeyni forces, the Kurdish fighters have suffered few losses. Only eight Kurdish fighters were wounded. However, several defenseless villagers in the region have been killed through indiscriminate mortar fire by the revolution guards. According to the Free Voice of Iran correspondent, news regarding mopping-up operations by Khomeyni forces in Kordestan and inflicting losses on Kurdish fighters are totally baseless claims being made to cover up the defeats the Khomeyni revolution guards have suffered lately.

The Kurdish fighters in the liberated areas are at present preparing for a bigger offensive against Khomeyni forces.

Municipal Official Killed

GF152010 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian 1500 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] According to a report from the Free Voice of Iran correspondent, Colonel Rahnoma, a Kordestan municipal official, while traveling from Sanandaj to (Bejar), was ambushed by armed persons and killed. His driver also was killed.

The Khomeyni regime has claimed that the Sanandaj municipal official and his driver were killed in an automobile accident. In fact, the official and his driver died of gunshot wounds. So far, no group has claimed responsibility for killing this Sanandaj official.

We should remind you that the Kurdish fighters repeatedly haveissued warnings to government officials in Kordestan Province, saying they should resign their positions and not get involved in the crimes of the Khomeyni regime against the Kordish people.

Reportage on Recent Afghan Mujahidin Activities

'Mass Murder' in Ghazni

GF101120 Tehran International Television Service in Arabic 0930 GMT 10 Sep 83

[Text] The Soviet occupation forces have carried out a mass murder which resulted in the martyring of 23 Muslims who were residents of the village of (Rodogha) in the Afghan Province of Ghazni.

Quoting the martyrs' families following the killing of one Soviet soldier and the wounding of another by the Muslim Afghan revolutionaries, a French correspondent reports that the Soviet occupation forces collected the village residents in front of one of the houses and beat them and then shot them, after which they expropriated their properties.

Meanwhile, reports from London indicate that an implied agreement between the East and the West on the Afghan issue is about to be reached. Reports say that this agreement is aimed at obliterating the Muslim identity of Afghanistan and annihilating Muslim revolutionaries.

Nimruz Province Clash

GF120914 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0700 GMT 12 Sep 83

[Text] Afghan Muslim mujahidin destroyed a Soviet tank in a clash with the Soviet occupation forces in Nimruz Province, southwest Afghanistan, last week. They also damaged another tank, killed or wounded 21 Soviet soldiers, and captured large quantities of weapons and military hardware.

In another attack on a Soviet base southwest of Kabul, the Afghan Muslim mujahidin killed or wounded a large number of the enemy's forces and destroyed the base after seriously damaging tanks, military hardware, and an arms depot.

Control Over Three Towns

GF131600 Tehran International Television Service in Arabic 0930 GMT 13 Sep 83

[Text] Afghan Muslim mujahidin have gained control over the markets of the three towns of [names indistinct] in Paktia Province, southwest Afghanistan. Reports say that the forces of the Kabul regime [words indistinct] besieged the Afghan Muslim fighters. The three towns are now expected to fall. By fully controlling these three towns, the Afghan Muslim fighters will be in control of the roads linking Kabul with southern Afghanistan. Thus the mujahidin will be able to use these roads to more quickly send supplies and equipment to their brothers fighters in central and northern Afghanistan.

Last week the Afghan Muslim mujahidin attacked Soviet and Kabul government forces in the (Shamdan) area, Herat, in western Afghanistan, killing 8, including a Soviet adviser and a border force unit commander of the Kabul regime, and wounding 130 others. The mujahidin also destroyed two tanks belonging to the Soviet forces and Kabul regime and seized arms and ammunition. The Soviet forces shelled houses in the area with rockets and artillery in retaliation, killing 56 innocent civilians and wounding 20 others.

Bahrain Liberation Front Appeals for Lecturer's Life

GF101806 Tehran Keyhan al-'Arabi in Arabic 1 Sep 83 p 16

[Text] The Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain has issued a statement appealing to world Muslims to immediately intervene to save the life of Ja'far al-Wardi, who is to be executed by the Bahraini authorities. The text of the statement:

To all free and honest men and defenders of human dignity: The prophet, may peace be upon him, has said: He who hears someone calling on Muslims for assistance and does not respond is not a Muslim. We call on you loudly to intervene immediately and quickly to save the life of Ja'far al-Wardi, who is to be executed by the Bahraini authorities.

Ja'far al-Wardi, a lecturer at the Gulf technical college, was arrested in Qatar on 23 August 1983. After being brutally tortured in Qatari prisons for 3 days, he was handed over to the Bahraini authorities on 26 August 1983. He is now liable to be executed by the fascist authorities. Therefore, we firmly appeal to all free and honest people in the world to urgently intervene to save the life of this innocent man.